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**EVENT:           Guilty Plea**

**DEFENDANT:   Ahmed Hannan**

**Detroit Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud**

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Ahmed Hannan, formerly a resident of Morocco and later of Detroit, Michigan was sentenced today to time served (approximately 42 months) upon his guilty plea today to Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud, in federal court in Detroit. The guilty plea was entered before United States District Judge Gerald E. Rosen. The fourth superseding indictment presented to the court at the time of the guilty plea showed that Ahmed Hannan conspired to commit mail fraud in a scheme designed to fraudulently obtain insurance related benefits from the Titan Insurance Company. Mr. Hannan claimed to have been physically injured in a July 5, 2001 motor vehicle accident in the city of Dearborn, Michigan. He then submitted false and fraudulent invoices purporting to show that he received certain physical therapy that he did not receive, submitted documentation reflecting incurred costs relating to household replacement services when no services had ever been provided and false claims for lost wages when in fact during the time and date reflecting the lost

wages, Mr. Hannan was employed or otherwise enrolled in a truck driving school.

Ahmed Hannan, and his co-defendant Karim Koubriti, were originally defendants in a February 11, 2003 third superseding indictment in the Eastern District of Michigan on the charge of Conspiracy to Engage in Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits and other Documents in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 371. A new trial was ordered; Koubriti and Hannan having been originally convicted on this count, as well as Conspiracy to Provide Material Support or Resources to Terrorists, after a jury trial in June 2003. The government agreed to the defendants' motions for new trial along with dismissing the Material Support charge. The present indictment, which no longer includes the Conspiracy in Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits and other Documents charges, is focused primarily on the alleged July-August 2001 auto accident insurance fraud scheme. Co-defendant Karim Koubriti has entered a plea of not guilty and is awaiting trial.

In announcing the guilty plea and the sentencing, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy commended the work of the Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who conducted the investigation, and Assistant United States Attorneys Alan Gershel and Eric Straus who handled the prosecution.

A copy of the superseding indictment is attached. Hannan faces immediate deportation to Morocco.